

UNFPA Regional Response to Ukraine Emergency

Situation Report #15



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1 million+

Reached with GBV information, referral and services



8,000

People reached with mental health and psychosocial support



10,600

Dignity kits distributed



Victoria gave birth to Vladyslav in Chernihiv maternity hospital in March. The city and the hospital were heavily attacked. With no water and electricity, doctors helped Victoria deliver safely. UNFPA supports Chernihiv maternity hospital with reproductive health and dignity kits. Photo: Volodymyr Ovsliuchenko/UNFPA Ukraine.

Highlights

- Across the region, including in Ukraine, UNFPA **distributed over 10,000 Dignity Kits** in December to women and girls ensuring access to menstrual and hygiene items and warm clothing accessories to combat the cold.
- **Almost 8,000 people were reached** with counselling, specialized mental health sessions and psychological support.
- Services at **33 UNFPA safe spaces and women-friendly spaces** continue for Ukrainians still living in their communities, for those who are displaced to other communities, and for

those who have left Ukraine. **Over one million people were reached** in December with gender-based violence (GBV) information, referrals, and services.

- A total of **119 mobile units** reached people in need with sexual and reproductive health (SRH), GBV and mental health and psychosocial support across Ukraine and Moldova.



**17.7
million**

People in need
in Ukraine



**5.59
million**

Internally displaced
people in Ukraine



**7.83
million**

Refugees in
European countries

Situation Overview/Humanitarian Needs

- Ukraine has seen an escalation in attacks across the country in the last month of [2022](#), continuing damage to power infrastructure, significantly reducing access to heat and water, limiting the movement of civilians, and affecting the ability of Ukrainians to seek critical services. Since February, 2022, there have been [747 attacks](#) on health-care facilities resulting in 101 deaths - including the [death of an aid worker](#) at a distribution site on 15 December.
- The increase in hostilities challenges the ability of organizations to assist those who are most vulnerable and in need of GBV support, SRH care and mental health and psychosocial assistance.
- As of [December 2022](#), an estimated 7.8 million Ukrainians have fled to other parts of Europe. An additional 5.59 million Ukrainians are [recorded](#) as internally displaced. Within Ukraine, an estimated 14.5 million people require health assistance and an estimated 3.7 million people are in need of GBV prevention and response services.
- Despite the adversity, UNFPA continues to work with partners to scale up the delivery of essential services for women and girls in most regions of Ukraine and in neighbouring countries to address the evolving humanitarian situation.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response in Ukraine*

- In **Ukraine**, [48 facilities](#), including shelters, crisis rooms, counselling centres, career hubs, "Vilna" women-friendly spaces, a national hotline and more than 100 mobile psychosocial support teams provide assistance to GBV survivors and women and girls at risk of violence and linkage to SRH services across Ukraine.
- Since the start of December, 5,736 people have received psychosocial support from the mobile teams, or via the hotline run by UNFPA and partners. In addition, 868 women sought help at survivor relief centres and over 3,000 men and young people have received counselling via the men's helpline or the "No trivia" chatbot.
- 3,091 women and girls accessed SRH services from 18 mobile clinics/ maternity units.
- During the reporting period, 9,436 women and girls received winterized dignity kits and essential packs.
- More than 1 million were reached in 60 cities and communities throughout Ukraine with UNFPA activities during the 16 Days of Activism against GBV (from 25 November to 10 December). Watch this [video](#) to find out more.

UNFPA Humanitarian Response in Neighbouring Countries*

- In **Moldova**, UNFPA continues to [support](#) 23 Orange Safe Spaces - 20 static and 3 mobile - reaching almost 2,500 women, youth and older persons across 65 communities during the reporting period. These offer an essential package of psychosocial support, information and referral services related to GBV and SRH, resilience building and integration into the community.
- During the reporting period, over 1,200 dignity kits - customized for winter - were distributed to women, youth and older persons through safe spaces.
- In Moldova, seven perinatal centres and two specialized hospitals were upgraded with life-saving equipment for women and newborns, including the supply of resuscitation equipment, anaesthesia machines, incubators, cardiac monitors, operation room lights and other life-saving equipment.
- To reduce the number of deliveries in out-of-hospital settings, UNFPA has four ambulances ready to be transferred to the Government of Moldova, with another 16 planned for donation; this will reduce response time and ensure access to quality life-saving obstetric services.
- Since the onset of war in Ukraine, more than 700,000 people have left the country for Moldova. Some 100,000 refugees remain in the country. UNFPA produced a [slideshow](#) and a [video](#) about their journey to safety.
- In December, UNFPA in **Belarus**, with the support of almost 70 volunteers, provided psychosocial counselling and services to more than 280 Ukrainian refugees in two Orange Safe Spaces with a focus on women, older people and people with disabilities. To date more than 2,600 refugees have received services.
- With UNFPA support, a second crisis centre for refugees was opened. The centre provides accommodation, specialized assistance and counselling for women, including women with children, older persons and persons with disabilities.
- To ensure psychological support for response workers, UNFPA mental health consultants provided counselling to the safe space volunteers. Twenty-five Belarus Red Cross volunteers and staff members were trained to provide survivor-centred GBV services.

In other refugee-hosting countries:

- Renovation work is under way on the safe house in Poland through Feminoteka, a local partner of the Center for Reproductive Rights' (CRR), to provide newly refurbished apartments, communal living areas and a kitchen for GBV survivors and their families. By the end of December, four families were provided with confidential and safe accommodation as well as access to services (case management, reproductive health and psychosocial support) and three more living spaces are in progress.
- Additional community-level accommodation has been identified and will be available by the end of January for additional GBV survivors from Ukraine who need confidential, safe housing and support.
- Feminoteka is preparing to open a centre where refugees from Ukraine who experienced, or are at risk of, sexual and interpersonal violence can get psychosocial support, referrals and other services.
- CRR has finalized the first phase of the multi-country documentation of SRH and GBV barriers faced by refugees fleeing Ukraine, which consisted of over 50 interviews with stakeholders and presented the findings. They are now actively analysing the second phase of the survey which focused specifically on the experiences of refugees, including access and barriers to SRH and GBV services.
- In **Romania**, the East European Institute for Reproductive Health (EEIRH), with support from UNFPA, has selected four partner organizations and is preparing to launch four women and girls safe spaces to

increase access to rights-based and gender-sensitive SRH and GBV services for refugees from Ukraine. EEIRH has agreed on a clinical management of rape (CMR) training curriculum with the National Agency for Equality of Opportunities between Women and Men and the translation of WHO guidelines “Clinical management of rape and intimate partner violence survivors - Developing protocols for use in humanitarian settings” is in progress.

* More information is available in the country snapshots below.

Ukraine Country Snapshot #16

Moldova Country Snapshot #9

UNFPA Funding Requirement for 2023



\$99 M required

- UNFPA released its [2023 regional appeal](#) for Ukraine, Moldova and other neighbouring countries seeking a total of \$99 million in funding to provide life-saving SRH and GBV interventions and supplies.
- The OCHA-led 2023 Humanitarian Needs Overview and Humanitarian Response Plan for Ukraine and UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency)-led 2023 Regional Refugee Response Plan, which include UNFPA funding requirements, will be officially released in early 2023. The financial requirements of UNFPA to respond to the needs of all people affected by the war in Ukraine have already been taken into consideration in the 2023 Global Humanitarian Overview, which was released by OCHA on 1 December 2022.
- UNFPA greatly appreciates the generous support of donors and the tireless efforts of partners in responding to the needs in Ukraine and the region.

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